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Rioters: Protest turns violent, deadly when horde breaks into, loots chamber

Electoral College: After a lengthy delay, Congress returns to complete the task

Social media: Internet forums popular with far-right fringe elements celebrate chaos

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Supporters of President Donald Trump scale the west wall of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington.

Congress rejects bid to overturn Arizona vote, clearing path for Biden to the White House

The Associated Press

The Senate on Wednesday evening overwhelmingly turned aside a challenge to President-elect Joe Biden's victory in Arizona, guaranteeing the result will stand.

The objection to the results in Arizona — spearheaded by Rep. Paul Gosar and Sen. Ted Cruz — was rejected 93-6 Wednesday night. All votes in favor came from Republicans, but after violent protesters mobbed the Capitol earlier Wednesday, a number of GOP senators who had planned to support the objection reversed course.

The Republicans raised the objection based on false claims pushed by President Donald Trump and others of issues with the vote in Arizona, which were repeatedly dismissed in Arizona's courts and by the state's election officials.

The Senate vote came as Congress reconvened to continue tallying Electoral College votes after angry supporters of President Trump stormed the Capitol

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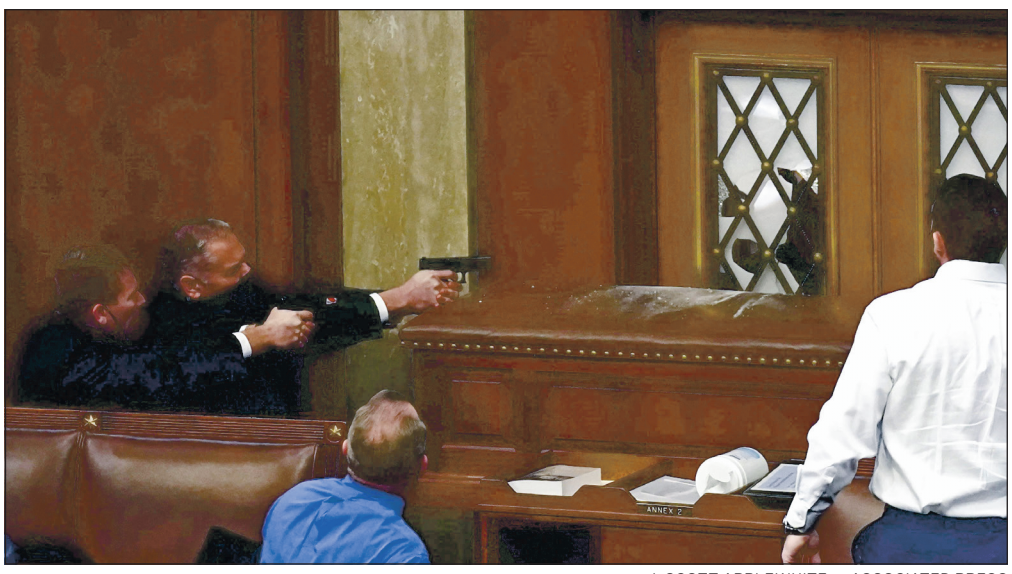

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Police with guns drawn watch as protesters try to break into the House chamber.

PRESIDENT-ELECT BIDEN

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"At this hour, our democracy is under unprecedented assault unlike anything we've seen in modern times. I call on this mob to pull back and allow democracy to go forward."

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PRESIDENT TRUMP

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"I know your pain. I know you're hurt. We had an election that was stolen from us. ... There's never been a time like this where such a thing happened where they could take it away from all of us..."

Lawmakers go into hiding during the chaos as police clash with demonstrators

By Lisa Mascaro, Eric Tucker, Mary Clare Jalonick and Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » A violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday and forced lawmakers into hiding, in a stunning attempt to overturn America's presidential election, undercut the nation's democracy and keep Democrat Joe Biden from replacing Trump in the White House.

The nation's elected representatives scrambled to crouch under desks and don gas marks while police futilely tried to barricade the building, one of the most jarring scenes ever to unfold in a seat of American political power.

A woman was shot and killed inside the Capitol, and Washington's mayor instituted an evening curfew in an attempt to contain the violence.

The rioters were egged on by Trump, who has spent weeks falsely attacking the integrity of the election and had urged his supporters to descend on Wash-

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